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LETTER DATED 4 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated today, from my Prime Minister to Your Excellency.

May I request your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 4 February 1994 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

The citizens of the designated "safe area" of Sarajevo have once again suffered an unprovoked massacre. Serbian gunners shelled the Dobrinja neighbourhood of the city, killing nine and wounding twenty-six people, who were waiting in line for humanitarian aid packages. Among the dead and wounded, three and four were children, respectively.

The failure of the international community to take forceful action to halt the aggression against the United Nations Member State of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina while simultaneously denying our inherent right to self-defence, has only encouraged terrorists and war criminals to commit these latest atrocities with impunity and without fear of retribution. This has been the obvious pattern for twenty-two months.

This protest is not intended to spawn one more statement aggrandizing the international community's "commitment" not to "tolerate the strangulation of Sarajevo". The people of Bosnia and Herzegovina need concrete help and protection. We expect the Council to take concrete action, which will finally reaffirm universal moral principles and apply international law, which have thus far been degraded to the lowest level in the recent history of mankind.

The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina demands again that the Security Council, in accordance with all relevant resolutions of the United Nations and NATO, immediately protect the civilian populations of Sarajevo and all other "safe areas" in our country.

(Signed) Dr. Haris SILAJDZIC
Prime Minister